GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - PR&RD Dept. – ACB Regular Enquiry - Initiation of disciplinary proceedings against Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & MPDO, Machavaram, presently working as DLDO, Sattenapalli, Palnadu district on allegation of corruption, under the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV)DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 781 **Dated: 08-10-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, ACB, A.P Vijayawada, Lr.C.No.42/RE-VGT/2022-S17, dt.05.09.2024.
2. Govt. Memo No.2758124/Vig.IV/A2/ 2025, dt.19.05.2025.
3. From the Commissioner, PR&RD Lr.Rc.No.2842991/CPR&RD/VIG-ACB/2025, dt.19.09.2025.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & MPDO, Machavaram, presently working as Divisional Development Officer (DLDO), Sattenapalli, Palnadu district for demanding and accepting bribe for securing favour for affixing his Biometric Signature to approve the bills for the works executed by the petitioner during 2020 and 2021 in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held, is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each Article of Charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & MPDO, Machavaram, presently working as Divisional Development Officer (DLDO), Sattenapalli, Palnadu district is directed to submit his Written Statement of Defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of these orders.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & MPDO, Machavaram, presently working as Divisional Development Officer (DLDO), Sattenapalli, Palnadu District is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & MPDO, Machavaram, presently working as Divisional Development Officer (DLDO), Sattenapalli, Palnadu district is further informed that as per Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that, Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & MPDO, Machavaram, presently working as Divisional Development Officer (DLDO), Sattenapalli, Palnadu district is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & MPDO, Machavaram, presently working as Divisional Development Officer (DLDO), Sattenapalli, Palnadu district **through** the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli (with a request to serve this order on the Charged Officer and send the same with dated acknowledgement for record).
Copy to:
The Director General, ACB., Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Palnadu dist.
The OSD to Deputy Chief Minister (PR&RD).
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI YANAKANDLA RAJA GOPAL, MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CUM SPECIAL OFFICER, MACHAVARAM GRAM PANCHAYAT & MPDO, MACHAVARAM, PALNADU DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DLDO, SATTENAPALLI, PALNADU DISTRICT.

That Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, S/o.Yellappa, aged 58 years, Special Officer, Machavaram Gram Panchayat & Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Machavaram Mandal, Palnadu District, presently working as DLDO, Sattenapalli, Palnadu District, while functioning as such during the period between 1.10.2019 to 02.04.2021 committed grave misconduct in as much as Charge:

That the Government Servant demanded and accepted Rs.9,000/- through PhonePe/ Google Pay i.e. a bribe of Rs.2,000/- on 20.07.2020, Rs.3,000/- on 13.11.2020 and Rs.4,000/- on 31.12.2020 from Sri Velisala Anil Kumar @ Edukondalu, S/o Lakshmi Kotaiah, aged 48 Yrs, Machavaram (V) & (M), Palnadu district for uploading the bills for works executed during 2020 and 2021 by Anil Kumar in the CFMS and for affixing Biometric Signature for approval and payment of the bills.

"Thus, the Government Servant by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated/ contravened Rules 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI YANAKANDLA RAJA GOPAL, SPECIAL OFFICER, MACHAVARAM GRAM PANCHAYAT & MPDO, MACHAVARAM, PALNADU DISTRICT, PRESENTLY WORKING AS DLDO, SATTENAPALLI, PALNADU DISTRICT.

Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, S/o.Yellappa is a native of Banaganapalli (M), Nandyala District. His date of birth is 01.06.1964. He entered into Government Service on 12.08.1996 as EO in PR&RD Department. Subsequently, he was promoted as MPDO on 9.10.1999 & DLDO and worked as such at various places and from 1.10.2019 to 02.04.2021 at Machavaram, Palnadu district. He is drawing basic pay of Rs.1,12,610/-.

He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2026. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Charge:

That the 'Government Servant demanded and accepted Rs.9,000/- through PhonePe/ Google Pay i.e., a bribe of Rs.2,000/- on 20.07.2020, Rs.3,000/- on 13.11.2020 and Rs.4,000/- on 31.12.2020 from Sri Velisala Anil Kumar @ Edukondalu, S/o Lakshmi Kotaiah, aged 48 Yrs., Machavaram (V) & (M), Palnadu district for uploading the bills for works executed during 2020 and 2021 by Anil Kumar in the CFMS and for affixing Biometric Signature for approval and payment of the bills.

Facts and Evidence

The petitioner Sri Velisala Anil Kumar @ Edukondalu, S/o Lakshmi Kotaiah, aged 48 Yrs, Machavaram (V) & (M), Palnadu district made a phone call to the Toll-free No.14400 on 11.06.2022 vide Grievance No.2352 and reported that Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal, MPDO, Machavaram, Palnadu district, who acted as the Special Officer to Machavaram Gram Panchayat collected 35% in the bill amounts i.e., about Rs.2.00 lakhs as bribe from him for approving the bills of the contract works executed by him in Machavaram Gram Panchayat. He further said that he paid the bribe amount in terms of cash and through PhonePe/Google Pay to Sri Yanakandla Raja Gopal.

At the request of ACB officials, the petitioner attended to ACB office, Guntur on 01.09.2022 and presented Telugu typed report allegations as mentioned that the petitioner was working as LIC Agent. As the tenure of the Sarpanches in Andhra Pradesh was ended in the year 2018, the Government had appointed Special Officers to look after the administration in Gram Panchayats. The Government Servant was appointed as Special Officer to Machavaram Gram Panchayat and he worked as same between the years 2019 and 2021. After forming the Government by YSRCP in the year 2019, the petitioner was nominated as In-charge to Machavaram Gram Panchayat by YSRCP. Between the years 2019 and 2021, the petitioner executed some contract works like Sanitation, drinking water supply,

arranging a proper illumination, construction of water tanks, arranging of new borewell, laying CC/Gravel Roads in Machavaram village. The Government Servant being Special Officer of Machavaram Gram Panchayat, has to approve the bills by affixing his Biometric Signature and uploading them in CFMS. The Government Servant generally demands 35% of the total bill amount as bribe for approving the bills. On fearing of that the Government Servant would not sanction the bills and keep them pending, if the petitioner does not pay the bribe amount to the Government Servant, the petitioner paid the demanded bribe amount to the Government Servant in terms of cash and got his bills approved by the Government Servant. When he was not having sufficient amount to pay bribe amount in terms of cash, the Government Servant forced him to pay bribe amount through PhonePe/Google pay apps to the phone number 9160120123 which belongs to the Government Servant. During 2020-21, the Government Servant has taken 35% of total bill amount i.e., about Rs.2.00 lakhs approximately from the petitioner as the bribe for approving his bills for the total amount of Rs.5,07,982/- and uploaded his bills in CFMS.

Though, he pleaded that the petitioner was not having sufficient amount to pay to the Government servant in terms of cash, the Government Servant got transferred Rs.2,000/- Rs.3,000/- on 13.11.2020 and Rs. 4,000/- on 31.12.2020 through PhonePe/ Google pay by the petitioner from his phone No. 9440383916 to the Government Servant phone No. 9160120123. Though, the petitioner was unwilling to pay the bribe amount to the Government Servant, the petitioner paid 35% of total bill amount i.e Rs.2.00 lakhs as bribe to the Government Servant in terms of cash and through PhonePe/Googlepay, fearing that the Government Servant would not sanction the bills and keep them pending.

During the inquiry, the period when the Government Servant worked as Special Officer to Machavaram Gram Panchayat from 17.10.2019 to 02.04.2021, the petitioner had executed total number of 26 works and he was paid with an amount of Rs.15,68,490/- for the above works. As per the Sub-Treasury Officer, Piduguralla, the following are the details of bills paid to the Petitioner during the years 2020 & 2021 with the beneficiary code No.1000471246, Beneficiary name as RRT 223 V. Anil Kumar @ Edukondalu from the funds of 14th Finance Commission.

Sl. No.	**Bill No.**	**Amount**	**Paid Date**	**Special Officer approved date/ CFMS upload date**
1	2021-215177	234538	12.04.2021	09.04.2021
2	2020-2715890	130438	20.03.2021	17.03.2021
3	2020-2714037	21600	20.03.2021	17 03.2021
4	2020-2716018	142078	20.03.2021	17.03.2021
5	2020-2714991	126970	20.03.2021	17.03.2021
6	2020-2715492	68800	20.03.2021	17.03.2021
7	2020-215140	200979	12.04.2021	09.04.2021
8	2020-1607981	91780	08.03.2021	17.12.2020
9	2020-456312	12000	08.03.2021	17.12.2020
10	2020-904646	102432	28.12.2020	26.07.2020
11	2020-905338	58812	28.12.2020	26.07.2020

12	2020-617838	21000	28.12.2020	17.07.2020
13	2020-617613	16700	28.12.2020	26.07.2020
14	2020-616365	3300	28.12.2020	26.07.2020
15	2020-607897	12000	28.12.2020	26.07.2020
16	2019-2020797	136385	05.02.2020	01.01.2020
17	2020-131000	188678	15.04.2020	31.12.2020
TOTAL		**15,68,490/-**		

The petitioner in his report alleged that the Government Servant collected 35% in the bill amounts i.e., about Rs.2.00 lakhs in terms of cash and through PhonePe/Google Pay on 20.07.2020 (Rs.2.000/-), 13.11.2020 (Rs.3,000/-) and 31.12.2020 (Rs.4,000/-) as bribe to approve the CFMS bills in Sl. No. 8,10 to 15 & 17 during the years 2020 & 2021.

During the investigation, bank statement of the Government Servant was obtained from the Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Koretipadu Branch, A./c No.10840168225 held in the name of the Government Servant. Perusal of the statement of account of Government Servant revealed that the Petitioner had transferred Rs.2,000/- on 20.07.2020, Rs.3,000/- on 13.11.2020, and Rs.4,000/- on 31.12.2020 to the Government Servant through UPI payment. The Government Servant accepted the payment from the petitioner on the above dates and kept quite. Thus, it is clearly established that the Government Servant demanded and accepted the payment of bribe through UPI payment.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

The following oral evidence is available to substantiate the charge:-

Sri Velisala Anil Kumar @ Edukondalu, S/o. Lakshmi Kotaiah, aged 48 Yrs, R/o. Machavaram (V) & (M), Palnadu district (Petitioner). He is the Petitioner in this case. On examination, he corroborated the contents of his report submitted to ACB, Guntur. Sri Swarna Venkata Rama Seshagiri Rao, S/o.Radha Krishna Murthy, aged 59 yrs. Panchayat Secretary, Sachivalayam-1 Chandole Gram Panchayath, Pittalvani Palem Mandal, Bapatla District.

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ANNEXURE-III

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI YANAKANDLA RAJA GOPAL, SPECIAL OFFICER, MACHAVARAM GRAM PANCHAYAT & MPDO, MACHAVARAM, PALNADU DISTRICT, PRESENTLY WORKING AS DLDO, SATTENAPALLI, PALNADU DISTRICT.

1. Complaint, Dt.01.09.2022 given by the Petitioner.

2. Letter dt. 03.03.2023 of the Panchayat Secretary, Machavaram (V), Palnadu dist.

3. Attested copy of Panchayat Resolution No.4, Dt.20.04.2020 of the Machavaram Gram Panchayat.

4. Attested copy of the CFMS statement in respect of the works executed by Sri. V.Anil Kumar @ Edukondalu from 17.10.2019 to 02.04.2020.

5. Letter in Rc.No.A1/12023, dt.31.01.2023 of Sub-Treasury Officer, Piduguralla.

6. Statement of UPI Transaction details of A/c No.016110025060336 of Union Bank of India, Gurazala for the period from 01.07.2020 to 01.01.2021.

7. Statement of account of A/c No.10840168225 of State Bank of India, Koretipadu, Guntur for the period from 01.07.2020 to 01.01.2021.

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ANNEXURE –IV

LIST OF WITNESSES IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI YANAKANDLA RAJA GOPAL, SPECIAL OFFICER, MACHAVARAM GRAM PANCHAYAT & MPDO, MACHAVARAM, PALNADU DISTRICT, PRESENTLY WORKING AS DLDO, SATTENAPALLI, PALNADU DISTRICT.

1. Sri Velisala Anil Kumar @ Edukondalu, S/o. Lakshmi Kotaiah, aged 48 Yrs, r/o. Machavaram (V) & (M), Palnadu district (Petitioner).

2. Sri Swarna Venkata Rama Seshagiri Rao, S/o. Radha Krishna Murthy, aged 59 yrs, Panchayath Secretary, Sachivalayam-1, Chandole Gram Panchayath, Pittalvani Palem Mandal, Bapatla district.

3. Sri Annepu Suresh, S/o. Chandra Rao, aged 29 yrs., Asst Engineer, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS Dept. Main Road, Piduguralla, Palnadu district.

4. Sri Kamireddy Venkateswara Reddy, S/o. Venkata Reddy, aged 55 yrs, Asst. Engineer, Mandal Parishad, Machavaram Mandal, Palnadu district.

5. Sri Jelli Mohan Rao, S/o Yesuratnam, aged 50 yrs, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, r/o. Flat No. 308. Sri Siva Homes, Velanganinagar, Guntur.

6. Sri Shaik Mohammad Jani, S/o. Khasim, r/o. Machavaram (V) & (M), Palnadu dist.

7. Sri G.Anji Babu, Inspector, ACB, Guntur Range, Guntur.

8. Sri B. Nagaraju, Inspector, Range-II, ACB, Guntur Range, Guntur.

9. Any other Witness that may be produced during the course of inquiry.

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